

Rainbow Connection

Rainbow Dreams Academy Parent Newsletter
950 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89106
September 2017

"We Strive, We Believe, We Achieve"



2016-2017 Teacher of the Year Ms. Melissa McNeely

Melissa McNeely has been a teacher at Rainbow Dreams Academy for five years. Throughout her time here at RDA, Ms. McNeely has collaborated with her colleagues to create our Elementary Student Council, been the assistant coach to our basketball team, taking the lead on our Concrete to Canyons program, and has served on several committees and projects for the students of RDA.

Ms. McNeely is an inspiring teacher to her students, peers, and the community. Her favorite subjects are History and Math. When asked why she became a teacher, she said she felt it was a God-given gift where she could serve and plant seeds in the hearts and minds of our future. If you happen to pass her class before or after school, you will see her working with many of her classroom students or any student that needs assistance. It is an honor and pleasure to have her as our first Teacher of The Year at RDA.

2016-2017 Support Staff of the Year Ms. Burns

Diane Burns serves at the Operations Manager and is one of the main reasons RDA runs every day! She is an extremely hard worker who is always willing to go above and beyond to help teachers, staff, parents and friends of Rainbow Dreams Academy. Ms. Burns is always working hard for Rainbow Dreams; even when she is away from her desk. From building operations to securing pencils for the classroom. Rest assured that Ms. Burns is working hard to make sure everything is taken care of for the RDA Community.

Congratulations!



September Calendar September 15th – October 15th Is Hispanic Heritage Month!

September 4th – No School Labor Day
September 6th – Early Release 1:30pm
September 6th – Middle School Progress Reports
September 7th – Student Council Interest Meeting
September 13th – Early Release 1:30pm
September 13th – Raising Canes Fundraiser 2pm-Close
September 14th – Title I Literacy Night 5:30pm-7:00pm
September 20th – Early Release 1:30pm
September 21st – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick Off
September 27th – Early Release 1:30pm
September 27th – K-4 Picture Day Wear Dress Whites!
September 29th – Elementary School Birthday Celebrations
September 30th – Links Walk-A-Thon
October 4th – Early Release 1:30pm
October 4th – 5-8 Picture Day Wear Dress Whites!
October 5th – ALL Payments Due for Cookie Dough Orders!
November 6th – Cookie Dough Delivery Pick-Up 3pm-5:30pm



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

It is time again for our Annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser!! The Cookie Dough Man and his staff will present an assembly September 21st to ALL Rainbow Dreams Academy students to kick off this event.

Parents, look for order forms in your students backpack on **September 21st**! **We will be accepting cash, credit/debit cards and money orders only; NO checks!**

Orders and money due back on October 5th!
Delivery will be on November 6th from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Parents, Guardians, Students and Rainbow Dreams Community:

Thank You for your patience as we complete our Rainbow Dreams Academy improvement projects; including our bright new flooring! We also thank you for your patience as we transition to our NEW uniform company and they continue to fill back ordered items.

Dream Care Payments

You can now pay for Dream Care online at our website: www.rainbowdreamsacademy.org!

You can also pay when you pick up or drop off your students with check or money order; please do not bring cash.

Morning Care starts at 6:30am; Evening care ends at 6:00pm. Cost is \$3 for morning, \$8 for the afternoon or \$11 per day.

Picture Day

Parents/Guardians, mark your calendar now for our upcoming school picture days! Look for picture forms in your students backpack around Mid-September!

Grades K-4 will have Picture Day on September 27th. Please make sure your student is wearing Dress Whites for their school photos.

Grades 5-8 will have Picture Day on October 4th. Please make sure your student is wearing Dress Whites for their school photos.

Ms. McNeely Receiving her Award for 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year!



Absence notes

Parents and Guardians, when your student is absent please make sure to send them with an Absence Note on the day they return to school.

Unverified absences can impact your student's grade!

Thank you to the 100 Black Men for Welcoming RDA Students, Staff and Family Members on the 1st Day of School!



Meet Your NEW RDA Staff Members!

Ms. Munson



Kindergarten Teacher
Birthplace: Shreveport, LA
College Attended:
University of Phoenix
Hobby: Swimming

Ms. Smith



1st Grade Teacher
Birthplace: California
College Attended: USC
and FAMU
Hobbies: Traveling,
Writing and Drawing

Ms. Allen



3rd Grade Teacher
Birthplace: Chicago
College Attended:
University of Illinois at
Chicago
Hobbies: Writing Poems,
Plays and Books

Mr. Kyles



4th Grade Teacher
Birthplace: Milwaukee,
Wisconsin
College Attended:
Michigan State University
Hobby: Cooking

Ms. Jackson



3rd Grade Teacher
Birthplace: Guyana
College Attended: Adelphi
University
Hobbies: Singing,
Dancing, Reading and
Cooking

Welcome
Everyone!

We are so glad
you are part of
the RDA Team!

Ms. Brown



1st Grade Teacher
Birthplace: Missouri
College Attended: UNLV-
MS and WGU-MED
Hobby: Lifting Weights

Ms. Hunter



Middle School Teacher
Birthplace: Crowley,
Louisiana
College Attended:
California State University
Northridge
Hobby: Sewing

**Ms. Williams-
Jarrett**



1st Grade Teacher
Birthplace: Louisiana
College Attended:
Southern University
Baton Rouge
Hobbies: Cooking and
Church Outreach

Mr. Ruffin



Visual Arts
Birthplace: Alabama
College Attended:
University of Alabama
ROLL TIDE ROLL!
Hobbies: Traveling,
Cooking, Eating and The
Arts

Mr. Burton



Custodian
Birthplace: Port Gibson,
Mississippi
College Attended: Utica
Hobby: Basketball

Mr. Slaughter



Middle School Teacher
Birthplace: Detroit,
Michigan
College Attended: The
University of Michigan,
Eastern Michigan
University
Hobbies: Visual Artistry,
Community Gardening

Arrival & Dismissal Reminders:

ARRIVAL

- RDA opens at 6:30am for students who pay for Dream Care
- Breakfast is served starting at 7:30am
- Harambee starts at 7:50am
- Classes start at 8:00am SHARP!
- Please be on time!

DISMISSAL

- All grades are assigned specific gates to exit from
 - Grades 4 – 8 exit from gate A
 - Grades 1 – 3 exit from gate B
 - Kindergarten exits from gate C
- Once students leave the gate they will not be re-admitted
- Student should know if they are walking, being picked up, crossing to Doolittle / West Las Vegas Library or attending Dream Care
- Students will meet on the playground at 3:25pm and be dismissed to their pick-up locations



Ujaama School Store

RDA is excited to announce the formation of our budding business enterprise – The Ujamaa School Store. Ujamaa is one of the principles of the Nguzo Saba – and refers to Cooperative Economics. The purpose of the school store is to fundraise, for much needed financial support of RDA programs such as athletics, field trips and student events.

Students in the RDA Middle School were introduced to the concept of working as a cashier at the store and given an opportunity to apply. Interviews will be conducted by Malik McHugh (7th) and Isiah William (8th). We are proud of these young men for being industrious and leading a new organization at RDA!

Look for information about the Grand Opening of the Ujaama School Store early September 2017!

SECOND ANNUAL

STEM DAY

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
10AM - 3PM

Victory Baptist Church
500 W. Monroe
Las Vegas, NV 89106

INFORMATION & DEMONSTRATIONS PROVIDED BY STEM PROFESSIONALS
• Workshops
• Networking
• Food, Prizes, & More

REGISTER EARLY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A DRONE!

REGISTER TODAY @ VICTORYMBC.ORG/STEMDAY
FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL STEMDAY17@GMAIL.COM

RAINBOW DREAMS ACADEMY

OFFICIAL UNIFORM STORE



Tel. 702.772.5883

A full selection of boys & girls Polos and Oxford's, girls' skirts, jumpers, and skirts. Girls' and boys' pants, shorts, accessories, and more!

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SATURDAY SEPT 9TH | 9AM - 3PM
ONLY STUDENT UNION BALLROOM



DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND PARENTS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE TOWARDS PREPARING FOR COLLEGE.

FOR 8TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH WITH AWESOME RAFFLE PRIZES!
(SUCH AS SHOW TICKETS, AIRLINE TICKETS, TABLETS, & MUCH MORE!)

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS FEATURING:

CAREER PANELS ON CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & FIRST RESPONDERS
HOW CAN I AFFORD COLLEGE
IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS
WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY